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FOR SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM NEWLIN

EYES ONLY AMBASSADOR LEWIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, XF, IS, US
SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER'S REPORTED STATEMENTS

REF: STATE 285316

1. AT CONCLUSION OF CORDIAL SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION
WITH BETHLEHEM'S MAYOR FREIJ DECEMBER 1 (SEPTTEL), I
ASKED IF HE HAD MET WITH VISITING CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER.
HE SAID SUCH MEETING HAD BEEN ARRANGED BY MILITARY
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 27. DURING COURSE OF
LENGTHY DISCUSSION, HE REQUESTED STAFFER TO TRANSMIT
TO AMBASSADOR LEWIS "IN HIS CAPACITY AS POSTMAN" URGENT
MESSAGE TO SADAT THAT WEST BANKERS NOT BE INVITED TO
CAIRO AND THAT WEST BANK SHOULD BE PLACED UNDER INTERIM
UN ADMINISTRATION FOR A PERIOD OF YEARS. FREIJ
SPECIFICALLY DENIED THAT HE ALLEGED AMBASSADOR LEWIS WAS
UNWILLING TO MEET WITH HIM.

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2. FREIJ ALSO DENIED THAT HE MADE REMARKS TO EFFECT HE
RELUCTANT TO TALK TO CONSUL GENERAL OR CONGEN STAFF. ON
CONTRARY, HE LAUDED "EXCELLENT" RELATIONS AND REITERATED
HIS APPRECIATION FOR CONGEN'S ROLE IN ENABLING HIM TO
MEET VISITING CODELS.

3. I SAID I WAS CERTAIN AMBASSADOR LEWIS WOULD BE
HAPPY TO MEET WITH FREIJ AND HE READILY AGREED THAT THIS
BE DONE AT MY HOUSE WITHOUT PUBLICITY SOMETIME WHEN
AMBASSADOR LEWIS WAS IN JERUSALEM ON OTHER BUSINESS. ON
SADAT MESSAGES, I TOOK LINE STATE 284630.

4. IN CLOSING, I SAID I HAD DOUBTED ACCURACY OF HIS
REPORTED REMARKS WHICH WERE THIRD OR FOURTH HAND BY THE
TIME THEY REACHED ME BUT I WISHED TO CHECK WITH HIM BEFORE
CONTACTING STAFFER IN QUESTION TO GET HIS VERSION. FREIJ
SAID HE WAS UPSET AND VOLUNTEERED TO TELEPHONE YOU. I SAID
THIS NOT NECESSARY SINCE I WOULD REPORT CONVERSATION.

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